

City of Dawsonville
April 5, 2004
Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Those present were Council Member Jonathan Cox, Council Member Tim Wimpey, Council Member Mike A. Wilson, Council Member Mike Sosebee, City Clerk, Gary Barr, Jessie Layne, and Attorney Dana Miles.

Invocation and Pledge: Mayor Cox led the invocation and pledge.

Jonathan Cox made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2004 regular meeting minutes and the minutes from the called meeting held on March 23, 2004. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: The City Attorney had been in contact with Ben Trail requesting the electronic files. Mr. Trail stated to the City Attorney that he would not release the electronic files. Ben Trail has made no response to the letter that the City Attorney sent in January. The letter had asked Mr. Trail to state what percentage of the building permits collected in December was due to him.

The City Attorney stated that this was the second reading of an ordinance to annex .96 acres belonging to Leroy Bearden and Jimmy Bryson into the City of Dawsonville. The property is located at 326 Burt Creek Road. Mike Sosebee made the motion to approve the annexation of .96 acres belonging to Leroy Bearden and Jimmy Bryson into the City of Dawsonville. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: John Stegall, Chairman of the Arts Council, read a brief statement thanking the Council for past financial support and asked the Council for future financial support including a portion of the Hotel/Motel tax. Jonathan Cox stated that the Downtown Development Authority had just voted to place an ad for the Arts Council advertising the upcoming Art in the Garden Festival. Jonathan Cox stated that the Downtown Development Authority would have to look at its finances before a pledge of Hotel/Motel tax could be made to the Arts Council. Tim Wimpey made the motion to release the budgeted funds set aside for the Arts Council. Budgeted funds are for \$5,000.00. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Attorney representing Hubert Tinsley came forth and stated that a previous Council had waived the water and sewer tap fees for Mr. Tinsley. The Attorney produced a newspaper article where a former City Official had waived the tap fees for Richmond Subdivision. Frank Craft, former Council Member stated that the Council had waived the tap fees for Mr. Tinsley. Mr. Craft could not specify which meeting the Council waived the tap fees. Mayor Cox stated that Mr. Tinsley had brought in an agreement signed by former Mayor Moore agreeing to sell Mr. Tinsley water and sewer taps for \$1,700.00 per lot. The agreement was dated September 2004. Tim Wimpey made the motion to table this item until the May 3, 2004 meeting. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Wimpey made the motion to table Elaine Langley, with the Family Connection, until the May 3, 2004 meeting. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Sosebee made the motion to table the annexation and rezoning for AMF Investments until May 3, 2004. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jonathan Cox made the motion to approve the proclamation proclaiming May 1, 2004 as Childhood Stroke Awareness Day. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk opened the bids for the 2004 Ford truck. The first bid was from Jackie Jones Ford for \$13,775.00. The second bid was from Chestatee Ford for \$13,701.57. The bids were for a 2004 Ford Ranger pickup super cab 4x2 standard with air and automatic transmission. Tim Wimpey made the motion to accept the low bid of \$13,701.57 from Chestatee Ford. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that this was the first reading on the proposed General Sign Ordinance. This Ordinance would replace the existing General Sign Ordinance. The City Attorney stated that the City had a Sign Ordinance for the Historical portion of the city and that the proposed General Sign Ordinance would not have any effect on the Historical District Sign Ordinance. The City Attorney stated that he had reviewed the proposed Ordinance and thought that it was a very good Ordinance. The second reading of the proposed General Sign Ordinance will be held on May 3, 2004. Anyone who wants to review the Ordinance may pick up a copy at City Hall during business hours. Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve the first reading of the proposed General Sign Ordinance. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Wimpey made a motion to activate the Municipal Court of Dawsonville. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Sosebee made the motion to appoint David Turk as the Municipal Judge for the City of Dawsonville. Jonathan Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Wimpey made the motion to approve the fine schedule as written. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Sosebee made the motion to create a five member Planning Commission. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Each Council Member and the Mayor will appoint one member to the newly created Planning Commission. The appointments will be made at a special called meeting on April 26, 2004. The appointed members must own property within the city limits and be a resident of Dawson County.

Tim Wimpey made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Bond Agreement with USDA. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City will have a called council meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 26, 2004. A Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 26, 2004 and a work session will be held immediately following the Public Hearing.

Jonathan Cox made the motion to approve the application for the Dodge Tour de Georgia race to be held on April 25, 2004. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Wilson made the motion to approve the Proclamation for the Dodge Tour de Georgia. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney read the resolution to allow the Mayor to approve adjustments on water bills up to \$100.00. The Mayor must give a monthly report of any adjustments approved. Mike Wilson made the motion to approve the Resolution to allow the Mayor to approve adjustments on water bills up to \$100.00. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Wimpey made the motion to bill customers for water and sewer from the day that the meter is set. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. This procedure will become effective April 5, 2004.

Lanier Swafford, representative of the Dawson County Fire Department, gave a brief talk on the Fire Safety House that the Fire Department wants to purchase. The Fire Safety House would cost approximately

\$28,000.00. The Fire Department has \$11,000.00. Three thousand of the \$11,000.00 is grant money that must be used by August of 2004. Mr. Swafford asked the Council for any donation that they might wish to make. Tim Wimpey made the motion to table this item until the May 3, 2004 meeting. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jonathan Cox made the motion to approve the expenditure of \$2,550.00 to have the minutes scanned onto a CD. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Cox reported that Annie Dean Samples and other volunteers had opened Thunder Road for the last two weekends and had made enough money to pay the salaries of the employees who were laid off. They had also made enough money to repair a broken simulator. A new web page has been created for Thunder Road and it will be open on the weekends for at least three more weeks.

Executive Session: Jonathan Cox made the motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition. Mike Wilson seconded the motion.

Tim Wimpey made the motion to come out of executive session. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mike Wilson to adjourn the April 5, 2004 meeting. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

Attest